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1. ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGEABLE CASTLE AND COOKE OFFICIAL
PRESENTLY VISITING SURINAM AND STAYING OVER TO DISCUSS
POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN CASTLE AND COOKE AND THE GOS
FOR OPERATING THE SUGAM VESSELS (OWNED JOINTLY BY THE GOS
AND CASTLE AND COOKE'S LOCAL SUBSIDIARY SAIL) IN
BRAZILIAN WATERS, PRIME MINISTER ARRON IS NOT CONVINCED THAT
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BRAZILIANS HAVE MADE THEIR FINAL OFFER TO SURINAM ON A NEW
FISHING AGREEMENT. ARRON, CONTINUES, THE OFFICIAL
(WHO APPARENTLY BASES HIS REMARKS ON DISCUSSIONS WITH
AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR LIONARONS, THEILEADER OF THE
SURINAMESE DELEGATION WHICH WENT TO BRASILIA IN
MARCH FOR FISHING TALKS), HAS DECIDED TO MAKE A PERSONAL
APPROACH ON A MINISTER-TO-MINISTER LEVEL TO SEE IF THE

BRAZILIANS WILL NOT SIMPLY EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRED AT THE END OF 1977 AND WHICH ALLOWED 17 SURINAM-FLAG VESSELS TO FISH IN BRAZILIAN WATERS.

2. LIONARONS AND GONCALVES (THE SURINAM DELEGATION'S LEGAL ADVISER WHO IS ALSO ATTORNEY FOR SAIL), ADDS THE CASTLE AND COOKE OFFICIAL, DO NOT SEE ANY CHANCE THAT THE BRAZILIANS WILL ACCEPT THIS BUT WILL NOW HAVE TO WAIT FOR AN OFFICIAL BRAZILIAN REPLY. CASTLE AND COOKE OFFICER SHARES THIS VIEW NOTING THAT BRAZILIANS HAVE ALREADY INDICATED THEIR READINESS TO GRANT CONCESSIONS TO SURINAM, BUT GOING BACK TO LAST YEAR'S AGREEMENT WOULD COMPROMISE THEIR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE U.S.
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